

DC Zoning Commission:

I oppose replacing Bruce Monroe Community Park with a 9-story-plus-penthouse tower. (Case 16-11)

The city's new Comprehensive Plan requires a thorough impact assessment -- ensuring that negative impacts on neighborhoods, transportation, environmental quality, and other issues are assessed and adequately mitigated. The DC Appeals court made clear this was not thoroughly done.

I'd like to focus on the adverse effect of this building. With the already limited green space in the city this project would severely impact access to parks to residents. Currently, the Park View Neighborhood prides itself on not having large buildings and the creation of this building will severely impact the neighborhood. There are enough vacant properties in the neighborhood that are not being used. If the idea is to develop in order to create housing there are enough buildings that could be utilized without creating a large structure that will not only be an eye sore to the community, take away access to public parks, but also create more congestion on a one lane road (Irving St) that ambulances utilize in order to take patients to the hospital. Already witness daily ambulances having issues getting through traffic to take patients to the hospital. A project such as this will only add congestion which will increase adverse events including death of individuals being transported to the hospital.

Sincerely,  
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